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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR

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### RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

## **Box Missing Parts**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed December 17, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits: (1) ten (10) Declarations For Patent Application – English Language Declaration; (2) a Request For A Two-Month Extension Of Time; and (3) substitute formal drawings (FIGS. 1-38A, 35 pages total) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

Our check in the amount of \$1,900.00 covering the fees is enclosed (\$740.00 basic filing fee; \$530.00 for additional claims; \$130.00 surcharge; and \$400.00 for a two-month extension of time). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper

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hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. BSX-214.1CIP. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: April 17, 2002

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, mowever, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all gequired items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by fling a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant
  - may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$630.
  - **\$378** for **21** total claims over 20.
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- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1500.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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